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THIS LETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF
MY OPPOSITION TO YOUR PROPOSAL
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MM DOCKET NO 97-182. AS AN ELECTED
SUPERVISOR IN MY LOCAL TOWNSHIP AND
AS A MEMBER OF THE EAA I HAVE
WORKED TO LONG AND HARD ON OUR LAND
USE AND ZONING GUIDELINES TO PUT
IT AT RISK BY SUCH A HIGH HANDED
PROPOSAL AS THIS.

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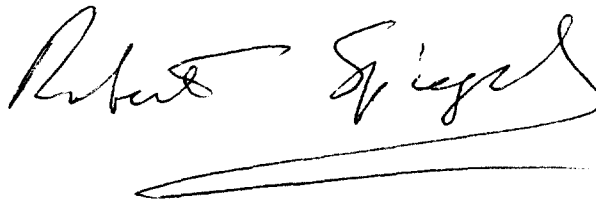
Re: NPRM FCC 97-296

Gentlemen:

It is for good reasons that individual states are given the responsibility (by Congress and by the constitution) to regulate construction of tall towers in their lands. One example is the need for structures to be compatible with air safety. Builders, such as HDTV broadcasters, would locate and erect tall structures without regard for air traffic needs, absent regulatory and enforcement restraint. The FAA must, by law, rely on the states for enforcement.

Although I laud FCC for expediting implementation of new service, I strongly object to circumventing existing state regulation, oversight and enforcement. Such circumvention is not only contrary to the public interest, notably air safety, but raises serious question about federal encroachment on states' rights.

Yours truly,



Robert Spiegel

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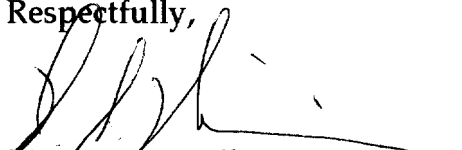
re: Docket No. 97-182

I am writing to object to the proposed changes that your NPRM makes to the control and placement of towers that interfere with U.S. airspace. Specifically, your proposed wording lets either the FCC or the FAA approve the placement of towers. That proposal allows the two agencies to work at cross-purposes. For example, it allows the FCC to approve towers that interfere with flight while it lets the FAA approve towers that interfere with communications.

Didn't you consider this possibility when you drafted this NPRM?

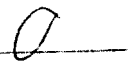
I urge you to change the regulations so they require BOTH the FCC and the FAA to approve the placement of new towers. That would protect the public from towers that impose on US airspace AND from towers that interfere with communications.

Respectfully,



Warren S. Williams

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Re: Proposed Rule Making On Towers

Dear Sirs:

This letter is in response to the "Notice of Proposed Rule Making on Towers" that is presently before the FCC. As you are aware, this proposal exempts future construction of antenna towers from state and local zoning.

We feel that there should be input on the local level to protect the airspace around general aviation airports. Without local input, public safety could be affected by the ingress/egress of traffic in and around the DTV towers in question or any other structural or antenna installation.

We would appreciate your review of the matter as it relates to local concerns.

Very truly yours,



Greg Meade, Chairman
Paintsville-Prestonsburg Airport

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cc: Honorable Mitch McConnell
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October 10, 1997

The Honorable William Canton
Acting Secretary of
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Document No. FCC 97-182

Dear Mr. Canton:

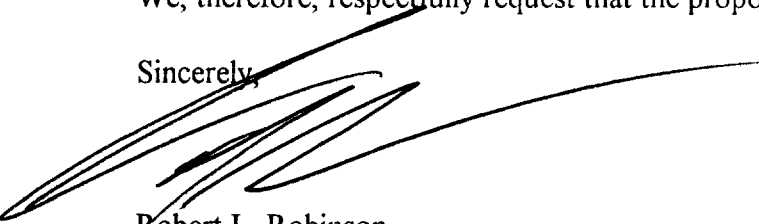
The Mississippi Department of Transportation, strongly opposes the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM); Preemption of State and Local Zoning and Land Use Restrictions on the Siting, Placement, and Construction of Broadcast Transmission Facilities. Our objection is based on the grounds that preemption of state and local zoning laws, ordinances and regulations will result in the creation of hazards to aircraft and their passengers operating at, not only the airports in the State of Mississippi, but those in the entire United States.

The proliferation of tall towers in recent years has already permitted encroachment on the navigable airspace in our nation and thus restricted the approach and departure paths at public airports. This NPRM would preempt the zoning powers of state and local governments that are attempting to limit the erection of tall towers to prevent further encroachment and to provide unobstructed airspace for safe aircraft operations in the vicinity of their public airports. In addition, the review time limitations do not provide adequate time to analyze new tower proposals which require public comment periods or public hearings prior to action by governing bodies.

We consider it totally unacceptable to expedite the availability of entertainment without due consideration of the impact on the safety of the flying public.

We, therefore, respectfully request that the proposal be rejected for these reasons.

Sincerely,


Robert L. Robinson
Executive Director

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pc: Senator Trent Lott
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